

July 15, 2014

Ms. Marlene H. Dortch  
Secretary, Federal Communications Commission  
445 12th Street, S.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20554

*Re: Protecting and Promoting the Open Internet, GN Docket No. 14-28; Framework for Broadband Internet Service, GN Docket No 10-127; A National Broadband Plan for Our Future, GN Docket No. 09-51; State of Wireless Competition, WT Docket No. 13-135; Broadband Industry Practices, WC Docket No. 07-52.*

Dear Ms. Dortch:

The Media Action Grassroots Network (MAG-Net) is a national network, working for media change to end poverty, eliminate racism and ensure human rights. Together, our 175 members represent communities of color, low-income consumers, rural and Tribal members and migrant communities. In short, we represent the interests of the most marginalized communities in our nation.

Our Network believes the Open Internet plays a pivotal role in ensuring racial and economic equity in the 21<sup>st</sup> century. Without a strong legal framework that ensures the benefits of the Internet are broadly shared, our members are forced to navigate a platform that further entrenches and exacerbates harmful disparities. In particular, any devolution of network neutrality rules will harm independent artists, musicians and social justice advocates that currently use the open Internet to reach audiences otherwise inaccessible in a heavily corporatized and consolidated media. Without an Open Internet, these innovators and entrepreneurs face tremendous barriers to entry that choke their opportunities for creative expression, opportunity, democratic participation and community building.

**In order to ensure an equitable future for our most vulnerable communities, it's essential that the FCC prioritize the fair treatment and meaningful involvement of voices that are often overlooked or undervalued.** To this end, MAG-Net has devised a creative solution to visibly clarify the threat posed to our members by weak network neutrality rules, and refute the incorrect presumption that the FCC can protect our digital future with Section 706 of the Telecommunications Act.

Arts and culture can provide a public narrative about the Internet otherwise unavailable to decision-makers. The creative use of words and images have long moved people in our society to think critically about issues that impact entire communities through emotional



connections that arise from reading and listening to poetry. This filing—a first we believe, in FCC history—marks a moment when the collective voices of MAG-Net members and allies are delivered in the form of Haikus. Together, these submissions represent our creative power, in a poetic form. We submit these words knowing that if you listen, they have the power to shape the future trajectory of our nation's telecommunications landscape.

The seventy-five poems submitted today articulate a clear vision for an Open Internet that includes a call for strong and protective rules on both wireless and wireline devices; no blocking of content, applications or services; no unreasonable discrimination or paid prioritization; and greater transparency with regard to network management and performance.

In closing we remind the Commission, and Chairman Wheeler specifically, that you are faced with a clear choice—will you take the necessary steps to equalize the Internet through reclassification under Title II Authority, or will you instead lock digital inequality in? Our members have used poetry to urge you to protect the Internet with Common Carrier status. Now it's the FCC's turn to use your authority and your voice as decision-makers to ensure our communities are armed with information, imagination and the ability to engage with one another, by protecting network neutrality.

The result will be a nation with a stronger and more equitable democracy.

Sincerely

amalia deloney  
Policy Director

Enclosure



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### Hakim Bellamy

I tried to look up  
"Freedom" on the Internet  
but it was blocked. Damn.

Attack our right to  
Information... we say "Why  
Fight it? Wi-Fi it!"

### The New Tiananmen

Information pro-  
fiteers want to march tanks down  
our super highways

### Vanishing Act

The Internet is  
one of those things you don't miss  
until it is gone

### Andrea Figueroa

Who, you may ask cares  
That Net Freedom wont be free  
Collective arm raise.

### amalia deloney

Brown neighborhoods mean,  
slower internet action.  
We say it's not fair.

you have a desktop-  
I have cellphone, we race-  
bad rules give you head start

### Angus West

Net neutrality and FCC  
Defining broadband, ignoring  
monopoly,

Consumers left without choice

### John Cone

Media is me  
Please let me know what we know  
The real web of we.

### Jen Soriano

If the road to hell  
is paved with good intentions  
they're go'n to heaven

Dont let comcast  
& verizon control  
our internet!

Open harmony  
Requires we break not remake  
The sound barrier

### @kkbmanoa

Carriers charging  
For imaginary air  
By confusing you.

Rich get preference  
to power, roads, water? No!  
Net neutrality.

Block the internet  
To the Joes and see new tech-  
nologies emerge.

When internet's not  
neutral, speech cannot be free.  
Treat us equally. #InternetHaiku

I still object to  
paying for television.  
Free "Wizard of Oz"! ;)

Corporation pimps--  
net for a buck. Reject the--  
Siren, FCC!

### Arts & Democracy Project

We need to breathe air  
We need to tell stories. The Net  
is our common good.

### Greenlining Institute

Network management  
is censorship under a  
thin veneer of lies.

### Yvonne Hill

To take what you do  
not own is theft, simply put--  
hands off, muthafa



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### Whitney Erin Boessel

hey, know what's funny?  
death of net neutrality!  
...oh wait, no it's not. :(

bigger problems, yes—  
but no net neutrality,  
fixing gets harder.

crouched down, stroked modem.  
"you'd never betray me, right?"  
...nervous flash of lights.

ISPs amuck!  
FCC, reclassify—  
call them Title II

comcast or...comcast.  
dear god, what wouldn't i give  
just to have a choice!

### Project Eureka

("Net Neutrality"):  
Freedom's Spiders web.  
NSA Surveillance net  
Net Neutrality must be.

("Freedom of Privacy"):  
It is delightful  
My privacy not be crossed  
With 'Freedom' my sidekick.

### Green-Diversity

World Internet porn  
Our privacy not be crossed  
Net Neutrality must be

A freedom Web.  
Freedom surfs the Worldwide  
Web. Swoosh!  
No Surveillance Websites.

### Roscoe Germ

Research tickles fingers pink  
Stroking notions worldwide  
but for Error 404 #InternetHaiku

### Erin Em

It's become the peeps'.  
No matter how it started.  
Do not block the flow.  
#InternetHaiku

Rich get preference/  
to power, roads, water? No! /  
Net neutrality.

### Brandi Collins

Who is this #Alec?  
And how come he kicks it with -  
ALL the telecoms?

### Desiree Fairouz

I saw you suffer,  
Heard your hopes and your  
dreams.  
I listen and act.

### Faye B. Steuer

Small nonprofit group  
Offers hope to those in need,  
If they can log on.

Sea to shining sea.  
No information limits?  
FCC decides.

Five Commissioners  
Hold Democracy's future  
In their mortal hands.

### Julia Graber

The global brain just  
got a lot dumber now that  
Comcast rules its thoughts

### Harley White

Tears for a tiered net...  
May our haiku light a lamp  
for free cyber flow...

### @NowReviveNow

I cannot accept  
they would sabotage our world  
is it fear or greed?

### @CursedDiamonds

Head of @FCC,  
Long time cable lobbyist?  
Vomit in my mouth.





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### Lola Marie

My freedom of speech?  
Check Amazon and Craigslist.  
For sale, by owner.

### @booriotjezibel

My government lies  
Sounds of sorrows creep in  
The Internet lives!

### Sharee Anne Gorman

dream of the monkey  
new Prometheus re-bound  
utopia lost

### Susan Marie

Share Truth Without Any Fear  
Others Follow Lead  
Solidarity Is Reached

### Carl Carpenter

A new humanity  
collective intelligence  
from our Internet

### Merrill Cole

One hundred forty  
tokens: speed train gets you to  
our advertisers.

### Janet Quezada

injustice blocked by  
our linked hands across the web  
share the codes for peace

### MJBMargie

My country tis of  
Thee dear FCC and me  
We keep the net free

### @Rustwolf

Commoditizing  
the flow of information  
one click at a time

### Johnny Gallis

A majestic beast  
He is an inspiration  
Many doge. Such wow.

My heart beats quickly.  
Facebook notification!  
Sorrow! Candy Crush!

### D-Rok Sanchez

The internet should,  
stay free for us people,  
not used to make money.

### Anne Treacy

Redefine broadband  
As utility to help  
Rural US thrive

### Clare Hecla

Corporate mindset  
Translates to lack of access  
I can has freedom?

### Trish Steel

Information or  
Telecommunication?  
One public good choice

Fast lane or slow lane?  
Let me check my pocketbook  
Damn it I am screwed

I heard the slogan  
Internet open to all  
That was before greed

Fast lane or slow lane?  
Cuz time is of the essence  
Patiently waiting

### Cindy Gomez-Schempp

Poetry is sweet  
So is all our Internet  
This is worth saving

Loading Loading Load

.....      .....      .....      ....  
What the future hold without  
A #FreeNet for ALL

### Jason Daniels

work nets our networks  
open, access, struggle, change  
now, keep it neutral



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### Emmanuel Ortiz

Net neutrality  
is to corporate greed  
What peace is to war.

Internet access,  
Like free water and clean air,  
a thing of the past?

A closed, corporate web  
Is like a four-lane highway  
with three lanes blocked off.

### Sham-e-Ali Nayeem

everything can  
not be owned, our breath a net  
over time and space

### Adrienne Wiley-Thomas

perched in her apartment  
chasing broadband like sugar  
block by block denied

### Carl Carpenter

Humanity... new  
Collective intelligence  
From our Internet

### Emory Malden

Dingo I am not  
Says F.C.C. Tom Wheeler  
Show us with action

### Jesus Papoleto

Virtual Reality  
Cried the Internet  
"Democracy!" Liberty  
unfriended Freedom

### Juan Rader Bas

Expression. That's all.  
Big brother wants to rule it.  
Free speech. Write. Unite.

### Kenji Liu

If neutrality  
dies, this haiku won't cross your  
feed until next year.

### @NonTweetable

Net Loss, Net Gain  
The FCC caves  
A digital caste system  
Access should be free

### Carlos Pareja

capture & release  
stories in song & picture  
keep our networks free